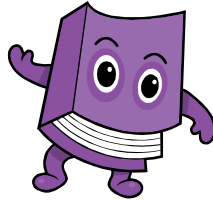


# Griffin Middle School

## 2010 Summer Reading



Please read **two** books this summer. Additionally, you will write a book review for each book. Instructions for completing the reviews are attached. **Rising 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> Graders are expected to read Scat, by Carl Hiaasen. Rising 8<sup>th</sup> Graders are expected to read Where the Red Fern Grows by Wilson Rawls as one of their book selections. The second book should come from the list below. Please do not choose a book that you have already read.**

### **6th Grade Suggested Titles**

Diary of a Wimpy Kid- Jeff Kinney  
Watsons Goes to Birmingham-1963, -Christopher Paul Curtis  
Hoot- Carl Hiaasen  
Leon's Story- Walter Tillage  
Bridge to Terabithia- Katherine Paterson  
The Young Man and the Sea-Rodman  
Philbrick  
The Anybodies-N.E.Bode  
The Skin I'm In-Sharon Flake  
50 Simple Things Kids Can Do to Recycle- Earthworks Group  
Esperanza Rising- Pam Munoz Ryan  
The Giver by Lois Lowry

### **7th Grade Suggested Titles**

Money Hungry-Sharon Flake  
Walk Two Moons- Sharon Creech  
Flush-Carl Hiaasen  
Tangerine - Edward Bloor  
Let the Circle Be Unbroken-  
Mildred D. Taylor  
Old Yeller-Fred Gipson  
Middle School Is Worse Than Meatloaf-Jennifer Holm  
The House on Mango Street-  
Sandra Cisneros  
Planet Earth-Kathleen Reilly  
Uglies-Scott Westerfeld

### **8th Grade Suggested Titles**

Absolutely Normal Chaos-  
Sharon Creech  
Scat-Carl Hiaasen  
We Beat The Streets- Sampson, Davis, Jenkins,  
and Draper  
Chasing Redbird- Sharon Creech  
The Great Escape by Paul Brickhill  
The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy by  
Douglas Adams

Twilight-Stephanie Meyer  
The Pact-Sampson, Davis, Jenkins, and Draper  
Hattie, Big Sky-Kirby Lawson  
Begging for Change-Sharon Flake  
Night- Elie Wiesel  
Fahrenheit 451- Ray Bradbury  
Gifted Hands-Ben Carson  
A Life in the Wild-Pamela S. Turner

***You will write a review for both of the books that you read.  
Follow the instructions below to complete two (2) book reviews.  
Be sure to complete all instructions for each book.***

### **Organize Your Thoughts**

Select a book to review, and then answer the following questions using complete sentences.

1. What is the book's title and who is the author?
2. Where and when does the book take place?
3. What is the genre (adventure, tragedy, mystery, comedy, etc.)?
4. Describe the main characters.
5. Summarize what the book is about in two sentences.
6. What is the theme, or main idea of the story? (Example: One theme of *Huckleberry Finn* is the struggle between freedom and slavery.)
7. What kind of person might enjoy reading this book? (Example: If you love coming-of-age novels, then you won't want to miss *To Kill a Mockingbird*.)
8. What is your overall impression of the book?
9. How does the title connect to the book?
10. If you could tell a character something that would help him or her, what would you tell them and why?
11. Which character are you most like and why?
12. Select three key events and show how each provided insight into a character's personality.

### **Time to Write!!**

Use your responses to the questions above as an outline to write your review. Then, decide on a central point, such as ***This novel shows how friendship helps teens cope with hardship.*** Use your central point for the first paragraph.